

The Lion and The Lamb

Revelation 6:9-17

- We left off with the scroll has been taken, the seals have been opened, the four horsemen have come forth, and now the apocalypse has begun. War, starvation, diseases with no cure, and untold death is raging upon the earth, as that which was holding these things back has been taken away, and that is us the church, and once that happened we read that the Holy Spirit then allows all these things to take place.
- **2 Thess 2:6-7**- He is The Holy Spirit, Who is right now keeping these things at bay, why? **1Thess 5:9** says God has not appointed us His people to suffer His wrath, which is what we are saved from when we received His salvation through His Son Jesus Christ, so it wasn't just sin, or even death, but also His wrath we're saved from

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- **V9-10** in the first four seals we seen conquerors emerge, war, famine, and death, now in the fifth seal we see martyrs who had died for the gospel's sake, and we hear their testimonies, along with their cries for justice. These saints had been killed by the enemy because of their witness or "**testimony**" which they held.
- Obviously, their murderers are still alive on earth, that means these are them who died during the early part of the tribulation, but they represent all who have laid down their lives for Jesus Christ and the cause of God's truth. Amazingly the great question they ask is not whether their enemies would be judged, "**but when**"! How long O Lord! This has been the cry of God's suffering people throughout the ages > **Ps 74:10, 94:3**, ask how long before You straighten out the wicked?
- **V11** their question is answered as their given a white robe and told to rest a little while, God has a plan as more of their brethren would die before God intervened. Something we have to take note of is there is a teaching about soul sleep, how the dead doesn't know what's going on and not being conscience anymore after death.
- That's not what we see here, the martyrs are aware, awake, asking questions, crying out to The Lord, and receiving answers from The Lord, we will know and are known. God has a plan for every delay, and He has a plan for every detail Amen!

- **V12-14** where the martyrs in heaven cried “avenge us!” the unbelievers on earth will cry “hide us”. As the opening of the sixth seal produces worldwide convulsions and catastrophes, including the first of three great earthquakes mentioned in revelation > **6:12, 11:13, 16:18**, for all of nature will be negatively affected, the sun, moon, and stars, as well as the mountains, Islands, and heavens.
- This scene is worse than any horror movie ever made, as the moon turns to the color blood, the sun turns black so there is a never ending eclipse, the stars fall from the sky, the sky is receding like a rolled up piece of paper, all the while the mountains and Islands are moved out of their place, no doubt causing tsunamis.
- **V15-17** the Kings of the earth, the rich people, the military generals, the people who are considered the strongest most powerful people on the earth, have no power to stop what is happening. Unlike before everything that is happening to the poor, the slave, and every other person also affects them the same.
- So, rank and wealth will not deliver anyone in that terrible day, as people try and hide themselves from God’s judgment. Notice it is called “**The wrath of The Lamb**” seems like a paradox, wrath of The Lion would make more sense to us because we are accustomed to emphasizing the meekness and gentleness of Christ, causing us to forget His holiness and justice, for He is the same Christ Who welcomed the children and also drove out the money changers and merchants from the temple.
- No one is able to stand, so people will seek death asking the mountains and rocks to fall on them > In **Rev 9:2-6** later it says when the bottomless pit is opened that horrible locust, scorpions, will come out and began to sting and torment those who take the mark of the beast sealing their eternal judgment, and upon all the suffering many will seek death and God won’t allow them to die as part of their punishment.
- People after reading this why would you think God is going to make His children go through this horrible time, His Word says we are saved from His wrath, and yet so many act like they want to go through this as some proof that they are saved. The proof is Jesus will take you from the earth not wanting you to go through this.